

Alcoholic Beverages Tax

Alcoholic beverages tax is imposed on Nebraska beer, liquor, and wine wholesalers and manufacturers.

The tax rate for beer is 31¢ per gallon. The tax rate for wine and other dilute alcoholic beverages, regardless of the alcoholic content, is \$.95 per gallon, except for wine produced in farm wineries. The rate for wine produced

in farm wineries is 6¢ per gallon. The tax rate for alcohol and spirits is \$3.75 per gallon.

Revenue from the alcoholic beverages tax is deposited in the General fund. The alcoholic beverages tax is administered by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Table 2: Alcoholic Beverage Gallons and Revenues for 2005

| Month | Beer Gallons | Beer Revenue | Alcohol & Spirits Gallons | Wine Gallons | Alcohol Spirits & Wine Revenues | Farm Winery Gallons | Farm Winery Revenue |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| January | 3,461,306 | \$1,061,645 | 238,504 | 256,618 | \$1,126,788 | 5,199 | \$309.13 |
| February | 2,995,925 | \$920,103 | 149,160 | 142,877 | \$688,143 | 1,370 | \$81.48 |
| March | 3,186,005 | \$977,805 | 164,163 | 159,566 | \$759,555 | 1,922 | \$114.15 |
| April | 3,908,409 | \$1,199,519 | 192,304 | 198,565 | \$900,639 | 1,995 | \$118.60 |
| May | 3,569,593 | \$1,095,476 | 175,841 | 147,654 | \$791,680 | 1,921 | \$114.16 |
| June | 4,476,296 | \$1,373,784 | 193,768 | 172,782 | \$881,866 | 3,037 | \$180.16 |
| July | 4,233,533 | \$1,299,271 | 203,414 | 175,660 | \$920,466 | 4,256 | \$252.55 |
| August | 4,074,887 | \$1,250,579 | 178,070 | 147,928 | \$798,256 | 3,590 | \$213.58 |
| September | 4,321,582 | \$1,326,293 | 219,044 | 182,451 | \$986,163 | 4,215 | \$249.69 |
| October | 3,711,302 | \$1,138,999 | 167,841 | 156,079 | \$770,158 | 3,061 | \$183.10 |
| November | 3,313,472 | \$1,016,901 | 252,339 | 231,869 | \$1,158,967 | 3,198 | \$189.97 |
| December | 3,170,346 | \$973,087 | 199,385 | 222,425 | \$945,707 | 3,906 | \$232.05 |
| Total | 44,422,656 | \$13,633,461 | 2,333,833 | 2,194,474 | \$10,728,388 | 37,670 | \$2,238.62 |

Chronology of Alcoholic Beverage Tax Rates*

| Effective Date | Beer | Alcohol and Spirits | Light Wines** | Fortified Wines*** |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| May 24, 1935 | 3.0¢ | \$0.50 | 5.0¢ | \$0.15 |
| May 1, 1937 | 3.5¢ | \$0.80 | 15.0¢ | \$0.40 |
| May 30, 1947 | 4.0¢ | \$1.00 | 20.0¢ | \$0.55 |
| August 25, 1951 | 4.0¢ | \$1.20 | 20.0¢ | \$0.55 |
| June 1, 1963 | 6.0¢ | \$1.60 | 20.0¢ | \$0.55 |
| April 1, 1965 | 8.0¢ | \$1.60 | 20.0¢ | \$0.55 |
| July 1, 1972 | 10.0¢ | \$2.00 | 75.0¢ | \$0.75 |
| June 1, 1977 | 11.0¢ | \$2.25 | 85.0¢ | \$0.85 |
| September 7, 1979 | 12.0¢ | \$2.50 | 55.0¢ | \$1.10 |
| August 30, 1981 | 14.0¢ | \$2.75 | 65.0¢ | \$1.25 |
| October 1, 1985 | 20.0¢ | \$2.90 | 75.0¢ | \$1.35 |
| October 1, 1987 | 23.0¢ | \$3.00 | 75.0¢ | \$1.35 |
| July 1, 2003 | 31.0¢ | \$3.75 | 95.0¢ | \$0.95 |

* Tax per gallon

** 14% or less alcohol

*** More than 14% alcohol